Reply to: 2430 Date: 09/27/2011

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 11/01/2011, at 10:00 AM, sealed bids will be opened in the Enoree Ranger District Office; Whitmire, SC for the EN Tip Top Timber Sale sale. This sale is located in Laurens County, approximately 3 miles west of Whitmire, SC on the Enoree Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest. Access is via SC 72, FS 366 (Garlington School Road), FS 354 (Hixson Road) and E 93-3.. Timber sale Contract 2400-6T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 09/15/2013. This is a small business set-aside sale.

This sale will be preferentially awarded to a qualified small business concern. In the absence of any bids from a self-certifying qualified small business concern, the sale will be readvertised without restriction on the size of bidders.

There are 1.30 miles (2.09 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road construction cost of \$43,765.00 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 8,930 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Advertised Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Hardwoods	Sawtimber	CCF	109.00	N/A	\$17.61	\$7.38	\$0.00	\$0.15
Southern Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	5,932.00	N/A	\$70.58	\$7.38	\$0.00	\$0.15
Hardwoods	Pulpwood	CCF	369.00	N/A	\$7.67	\$4.21	\$0.00	\$0.15
Softwood - Other	Pulpwood	CCF	2,520.00	N/A	\$17.23	\$4.65	\$0.00	\$0.15
	Total	CCF	8,930.00		·		\$0.00	\$1,339.50

There is a \$46,700.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

For reviewing and/or copies of the prospectus, bid for, sale area map, sample contract, and other related documents please visit our web site: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/sumtertimbersales.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Enoree District Office, 20 Work Center Road; Whitmire, SC. The phone number to call is (803) 276-4810...

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dent
Contracting Officer